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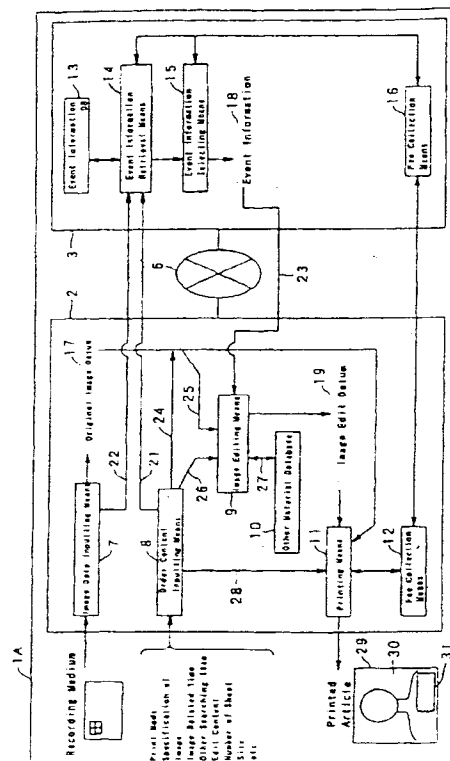
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(54) Image printing system

(57) Image plus event information printing system, which comprises an image data inputting means for inputting a datum of original image, an event information database which memorizes the data of current and/or passing events information being sorted with one or more items, wherein one of the items consists of the occurrence time of the event, an event information retrieval means for extracting any event information within a pre-determined range being in correlation to the time which is related to the original image, by retrieving from the sorted data in the event information database with using one or more of the items, an image editing means for preparing a datum of an image plus event information, from the datum of original image and the extracted event information, and a printing means for printing the image plus current events information in accordance with the datum prepared by the image editing means.

FIG. 1





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1. claims: 1-12

Printing system combining image and event information comprising a database to memorize event information data, a retrieving means for extracting any event information from the database, an image editing means for preparing a datum of an image plus event information, and a printing means for printing the image plus current events information in accordance with the datum prepared by the image editing means.

2. claims: 13-28

Dynamic-shot printing system, which comprises an input means, a static image data specifying means for specifying a scene recorded in the dynamic image data as the static image, an order inputting means, an output content designation data producing means for preparing an output content designation datum which records the image to be output and appendix conditions for the image on the basis of the obtained static image data and the input orders, and a printing means which prints out a printed article of the image in accordance with the output content designation datum.

3. claims: 29-34

Additional information printing system, which provides to a customer, when a printing system prints an image data on the request of this customer, a printed article containing additional information.

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